Abstract

The illustrative embodiment of the present invention provides a method
for automating the allocation of network storage. The method of the present invention
5   enables a system administrator or other authorized user to set policies for network
storage. Available storage locations are dynamically located by attribute. The network
storage policy is interpreted and applied to the available storage locations. By
automating the storage allocation process, the storage policy is consistently applied
without user intervention thus allowing a system administrator to devote more time to
10   other network management responsibilities.